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LBJ Dismayed Over CIA Furor

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President Johnson ex- pressed dismay yesterday at the "intemperate statements" and "severe criticisms" of the CIA following disclosures of its role in covertly financing student and other groups.

Asked during a news conference whether he shared Vice President Humphrey's widely quoted unhappiness about what the CIA was doing, Mr. Johnson replied:

"I don't think any of us are happy to see our Nation divided and see our country upset about situations such as Mr. Katzenbach is now studying."

Under Secretary of State Nicholas deB. Katzenbach heads a three-man panel appointed by the President to investigate the CIA's role in funding domestic groups. Mr. Johnson said he expected their report by the 20th of this month.

The President went on:

"I regret very much some of the intemperate statements and some of the severe criticisms that have been made about various Government agencies, including the Central Intelligence Agency."

Meanwhile, another chapter in the CIA's involvement with the National Student Association unfolded yesterday as a squabble broke out among the students.

Larry Rubin, \$4000-a-year director of educational affairs for the NSA, resigned yesterday, charging that top officers had lied about the full extent of their "collusion" with the CIA.

Rubin asserted that the offi-

cers had not told "all the details" of the deal they made with the CIA nor of secret meetings with CIA agents before admitting the 15-year covert relationship with the intelligence agency.

The 24-year-old former Antioch College student said he was unconvinced that the NSA wants to make a "clean and open break with the CIA."

Rubin's sidewalk allegations — NSA officers would not allow him to hold the press conference inside their building at 2115 S st. nw. — were promptly denied by Richard Stearns, international affairs vice president of NSA. Stearns noted a front-page story in the Feb. 16 editions of The Washington Post in which he revealed that the CIA had secretly met with NSA officers to persuade them not to divulge the story.

Expanding on the rather guarded comments he made in the earlier article, Stearns said that he and six other officers met twice with CIA agents. The first time was at the Marriott Motor Hotel and the second at the home of Bob Kiley, a former NSA president now reportedly an employee of the CIA.

The agents tried to convince the students that they should deny the forthcoming expose in Ramparts magazine. They argued, Stearns recalled, that admission would damage the CIA, innocent students and the NSA itself. But the students decided to go ahead and tell the story though not fully at first, he admitted.